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SENATOR BARNETT: I ask that sincerely because I think we should get started on it.

SENATOR MARVEL: I don't know of any positive answer I can give you. I really don't think the Department's going to get moving that fast. I think this is the realistic approach. But . . .

SENATOR BARNETT: Well then they wouldn't spend it. But if they did getting moving on it, Senator Marvel, the money would be there if they found it.

SENATOR MARVEL: Well OK, I guess I'll have to get blunt with you and say this, if you want to go back and check the appropriations bill for this year and find out the amount of money that the Appropriations Committee put in. I'm talking about the present time, not starting next July. You will find that this particular Department ignored and failed to carry out a number of areas where we felt programs ought to start, and improvements ought to be made. I think that the majority of the Appropriations Committee felt that programs are much more important than facilities. So we haven't been entirely satisfied, some of us, with the progress that's been made. I guess my answer to you is we didn't feel it would do any good if you left the money in cause they wouldn't do anything with it anyway.

SENATOR BARNETT: I think that's fairly true, except that the Directorship has changed now. As a matter of fact last year when we amended the bill and the Senators in here will realize it that we give them the money to come up with a unit, the Drug and Alcohol Unit at the Penitentiary. I don't think they got it started until about December, November or December of this past year. Now, my only concern, Senator Marvel, is this if this new group of people, and I'm talking about Director Viteck and the new Warden, if they can come up with . . . they've supposedly got a program, a director now of drug counselors and alcohol counselors. If they come up with a program and they need a spot, or they need a facility, they have no money that they can do it. I was . . . I'm asking if we can put the money in there and make it available. If they find the spot, then we can use it. If they don't find the spot, you wouldn't need it. That's all I'm asking you. I think they should have something there in case they find it.

SENATOR MARVEL: OK, I have this suggestion to make, then Mr. President. We pass over this bill temporarily until we've had a chance to visit with Senator Barnett. I have no objection to what you propose. May I say this, you talk about a change of administration. I guess I'm willing to have an open mind, but the days are moving rather rapidly when this administration has a chance to prove that they're going to do something.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I was wondering . . . I don't object to holding it. I'm wondering if there . . . if we could adopt the original committee amendment which repeals the location for the Crete missile site, then bracket the bill in the event that there is appropriate language that can be agreed upon after tha.